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Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING
MOTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND TO
NDMS MOTIONS TO COMPEL RESPONSES TO
INTERROGATORY NDMS/USPS-T33-10(B)

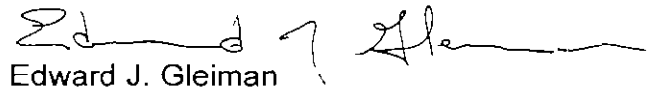
(September 3, 1997)

On September 2, the United States Postal Service submitted a motion requesting an extension of time in which to respond to a motion of NDMS, filed on August 25 and supplemented on August 29, to compel a response to NDMS/USPS-T33-10. While the Service maintains its objections to the interrogatory at issue, it states that recent consultations with counsel for NDMS suggest that this discovery dispute can be resolved informally, without resort to further motions practice. For this reason, the Service requests an extension of the deadline for a response to September 12, 1997.

In the interest of fostering an informal resolution of this dispute, I shall grant the Postal Service's motion.

RULING

The Motion of United States Postal Service for Extension of Time in Which to Respond to NDMS Motions for Compel Responses to Interrogatory NDMS/USPS-T33-10 to Witness Sharkey, filed September 2, 1997, is granted.


Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer